

PATENT**Docket No. A219 1010.1****SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Column Tray

the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto;
☒ is identified as WCSR Docket No. A219 1010.1;
☒ was filed on February 13, 2004 as United States Application Serial No. 10/777,183.
☐ was filed on _____ as PCT International Application No. _____ and was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC §119(a-d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Application Number	Country	Filing Date (day/month/year)	Priority Not Claimed
101 40 352.6	Germany	17 August 2001	

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(a) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

Application Number	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)
PCT/EP02/09253	19 August 2002	Pending

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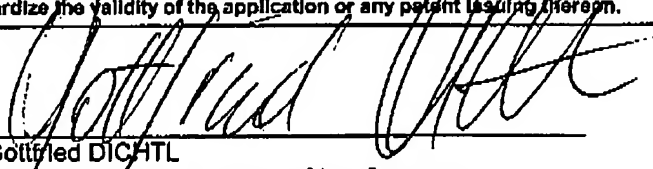
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I hereby appoint the attorneys/agents associated with Customer ID No. 26158 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:


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Application No.: 10/777,163	Confirmation No. 5098
Application of: Gottfried DICHTL	Group Art Unit: 1724
Filing Date: February 13, 2004	Examiner:
Title: Column Tray	Docket No. A219 1010.1 Customer No. 26158

**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE QVF ENGINEERING GmbH TO ADD ULRICH WALTER
AS AN INVENTOR**

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir or Madam:

1. QVF Engineering GmbH, the Assignee of the above-identified application, hereby consents to adding Ulrich Walter as an Inventor of the above-identified application.
2. Evidence of ownership of this application is attached hereto in the form of an Assignment executed by Gottfried Dichtl, the previously named inventor.
3. The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of Assignee QVF Engineering GmbH.

QVF ENGINEERING GmbH

By: 

Title: CEO 14-Apr-2004

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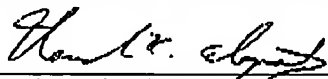
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, as a below named inventor, I, ASSIGNOR, am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is named) or joint (if more than one inventor is named) inventor, of the invention entitled:

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which is:

- ☐ is attached hereto;
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- ☐ was filed on _____ as United States Application Serial No. _____

WHEREAS, QVF Engineering GmbH, having a business address at Hauptstr. 36, D-55122 Mainz, Germany, ASSIGNEE, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and said application in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, I, ASSIGNOR, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, for the territory of the United States of America, and not elsewhere, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said United States application and said invention as fully set forth and described therein, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues, examination certificates and extensions thereof, together with the right to file said application in the United States and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from any earlier filed application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or any other international agreement, as may be applicable;

AND I, ASSIGNOR, HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue said application to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I, ASSIGNOR, HEREBY covenant and agree that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I, ASSIGNOR, HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and applications and examination papers, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States.

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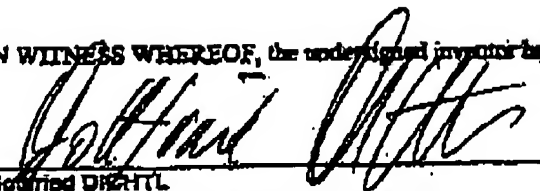
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